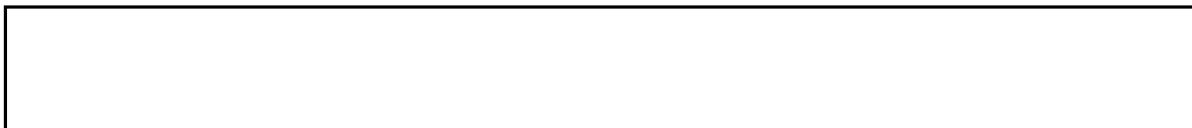


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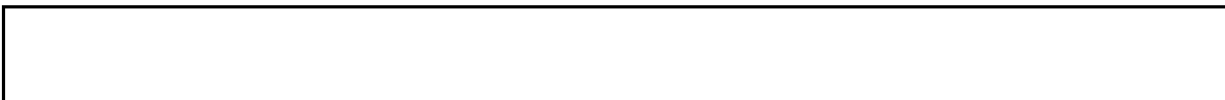


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ADD/I drew attention to the lack of substantiating evidence for the New York Times articles by David Binder on Czechoslovakia, one reporting the halt of Soviet grain shipments to Czechoslovakia and the other purporting that the Soviets have granted \$400 million hard currency credit to the Czechs.

ADD/I called attention to Section III of today's Vietnam Situation Report, which contains a hypothesis suggesting that the numerical designators employed by North Vietnamese infiltrators may follow a pattern which reveals the destinations of the infiltrating groups.

Godfrey drew attention to the MIG-21 which was shot down last night over the Gulf of Tonkin and to the search which is going on for the pilot.



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Godfrey provided the Director a background paper concerning the Latin American item on today's SIG agenda.

D/ONE reported that the Army has tabled a footnote dissenting from the Memorandum to Holders of NIE 11-14 and that, since the footnote misconstrues the actual text of the Memorandum, it is hoped the Army will alter its dissent in the USIB meeting today.

D/ONE advised that a review of the publications of the Institute for Strategic Studies suggests that the factual information contained therein could have been obtained from sources other than the related NIEs.

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DD/S excerpted from a letter to Air America [] from Ambassador Sullivan commending Air America's part in the 25 March air rescue operation transporting to safety the families of the beleaguered Meo tribesmen.

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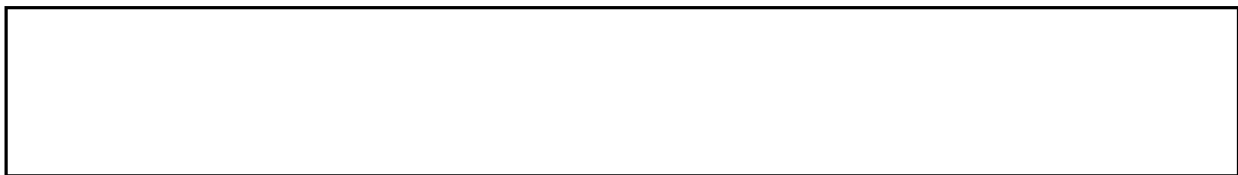
Carver reported that the papers with the JRC-proposed overhead reconnaissance program have been circulated to interested parties.

Carver noted that a management conference in Chicago attended by representatives of the CIA Operations Center revealed that the Government is far ahead of private industry in the utilization of sophisticated techniques in connection with the conduct of operations centers.

The Director asked Maury to ensure that the transcript from yesterday's hearing before the House Special Subcommittee on National Defense Posture is carefully reviewed.

ADD/S&T advised that experimentation with color photography by drones is under way.

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Executive Director referred to his discussion yesterday with Jim Clark of the Bureau of the Budget, whose tendency to evaluate Reserve requests on substantive in addition to budgetary grounds appears to warrant the Director's concern. The Director and Executive Director will review the matter.

DDCI briefed on his meeting yesterday with Secretary Rusk and Ambassador Bohlen.

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L. K. White

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